



PROVINCE OF }
LOWER CANADA. }

J. COLBORNE.

By His Excellency Sir JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Province of Lower Canada, Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in the said Province, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS there exists in the District of Montreal a traitorous conspiracy, by a number of persons, falsely styling themselves Patriots, for the subversion of the Authority of Her Majesty, and the destruction of the established Constitution, and Government of the said Province; and, Whereas, the said Rebellion hath very considerably extended itself, in so much that large bodies of armed traitors have openly arrayed themselves, and have made, and do still make, attacks upon Her Majesty's subjects, and have committed the most horrid excesses and cruelties; and Whereas, in the parts of the said District in which the said conspiracy hath not as yet broken out in open Rebellion, large numbers of such persons, so calling themselves Patriots, for the execution of such their wicked designs, have planned means of open violence, and formed arrangements for raising and arming an organized and disciplined force, and in furtherance of their purpose, have frequently assembled in great and unusual numbers; and, Whereas, the exertions of the Civil Power are ineffectual for the suppression of the aforesaid traitorous and wicked Conspiracy and Rebellion, and for the protection of the lives and properties of Her Majesty's loyal subjects; and, Whereas, the Courts of Justice in the said District of Montreal have virtually ceased to exist, from the impossibility of executing any legal process or warrant of arrest therein; and, Whereas, the public safety requires that Law Martial should be exercised; now THEREFORE, I have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council of this Province, to issue this Proclamation, to the end that it may be made manifest, that I shall arrest and punish, and cause to be arrested and punished, all persons who have been hitherto, and who now are, or hereafter may be any wise acting, aiding or assisting in the said Conspiracy and Rebellion, and who

hereafter may be anywise acting, aiding, or assisting in any other Conspiracy and Rebellion within the said District of Montreal, according to MARTIAL LAW, either by death or otherwise, as to me shall seem right and expedient, for the punishment of all rebels in the said District.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Government House in the City of Montreal, in the Province of Lower Canada, the fourth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight, and in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign-

By His Excellency's Command,

THOMAS LEIGH GOLDIE,

Acting Secretary of the Province.

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